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Failure of Jewish Social-Group Work Blamed On Leaders' Assimilationist Attitude

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NEW YORK (NJP)—The paucity of "Jewish content" in the Jewish social work and community center fields, and the shortage of trained workers in these fields with an adequate Jewish background, last week was laid to the "assimilationist attitudes" of certain key Jewish community leaders. The charge was made by Dr. Abraham G. Duker, a leading Jewish historian and sociologist.

Writing in Congress Weekly, official organ of the American Jewish Congress, on "How Jewish Should Center Workers Be?", Dr. Duker laid his attack against the background of the now defunct Training Bureau for Jewish Communal Service.

NEGATIVE ATTITUDE

The Bureau, which was supported by private and communal funds and housed in the quarters of the National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB), charged Dr. Duker, was closed last year not because of "financial reasons, as institutional publicity had it," but because of the negative attitude of some of the lay and professional leaders in the field.

The Bureau last year closed its doors after three years of successful operation because it could no longer meet expenses. It was the only school imparting Jewish background to professional Jewish communal workers, beside Yeshiva University, which in recent years established a training school for Jewish communal work.

SMALL BUDGET

According to George Rabinoff, head of the Bureau, it had been operating on a budget of only \$100,000. The financial difficulties of the Bureau began in 1950, when the fund raising agencies, blaming declining incomes, began to cut their allocations to the Bureau.

The United Jewish Appeal (UJA) dropped its annual \$10,000 appropriation. According to Nathan Ziprin, editor of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, Henry Montor, now head of the Israel Bond drive, refused in 1950, when he was head of the UJA, to "consider this comparatively small appropriation," despite repeated protests made to him.

Ziprin also said overtures had been made to Brandeis University to absorb the school. (NJP, April 21, 1951)



ABRAHAM DUKER

"With distaste and hostility . . ."

Duker, author of a critical analysis of the MacIver Report being published by The Reconstructionist Foundation, was Associate on Jewish Studies at the Bureau. He is now consultant to the Commission on Jewish Living of the American Jewish Congress.

The school failed, declared Duker, because students were offered no incentive in the way of professional advancement after completion of the course. Despite the school's fine faculty, curriculum and pioneering in adult education methods, he said, social workers balked at undergoing "a strenuous course of Jewish studies without any visible expectation of compensation in terms of money or status in the profession."

CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED

Describing the circumstances under which the school operated, Duker noted "that because of their assimilationist attitudes many leaders in Jewish communal work have been consistently opposed to a Jewish school for social work or even to more intensive Jewish training."

He continued: "Some outstanding leaders in the profession of Jewish community organization see no need for such training or

equipment. Some even view with distaste and hostility any positive approaches to Jewish group life and would not like to see people with such positive convictions enter the field of social work."

NEW CURRICULA

(In the past, individual Jewish Agencies and workers, and the professional organizations, included the Jewish Welfare Board, central coordinating body in the field, have come under attack from various sources for operating on the Sabbath for under-emphasizing Jewish content in programming and for insufficient stress on Jewish background in hiring social workers. Recently, however, some leaders in the field have hailed steps taken by Yeshiva University, the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Jewish Institute of Religion-Hebrew Union College, toward establishing curricula and encouraging their students to seek professional background in Jewish social and community organization work.)

MUST HAVE M.A.

Asked for further elaboration, Dr. Duker told The Post that students failed to enroll in large numbers at the Bureau because they "rightly felt that Jewish social agencies would refuse to offer professional advancement to those who completed their courses."

He explained that when a teacher does post-graduate work and obtains a Masters of Arts degree in the field, he is likely to be promoted to a better position. (In most cases, it is now virtually impossible to get a job in the field without a Master's degree, and only in the rarest cases is advancement offered to workers who do not have a Master's.)

PRESSURED BY STATE

Resorts Drop Bias Practices

By HYMAN CHESTER

National Jewish Post Correspondent

TOMAHAWK, Wis. (NJP)—Resort owners of this area have backtracked in the face of a state investigation and have authorized a statement that they would no longer practice discrimination against members of minority groups who sought public accommodations.

But Atty. Gen. Vernon Thomson said that he would continue his investigation into charges by Lyle Olson, operator of two vacation resorts, that neighbors and competitors had threatened Olson and his property with harm. Olson said that he practices non-discrimination both as a personal principle and in accordance with state law. (NJP, May 16, 1952)

WILL ABIDE BY ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW

One of the results of a meeting called by Malcolm Riley, an assistant attorney general, to inquire into Olson's charges was a statement signed by Donald Mattison, president of the Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce.

It read: "On behalf of myself and the resort owners of the Tomahawk area, I would like to say that not only do we acknowledge the rights of minority groups to peaceably enjoy the privileges of full citizenship, but that we will co-operate fully with the state and local authorities to attaining this end."

The statement meant, Mattison said, that the people of the area would not oppose the actions of Olson or any others in accepting all comers who seek to vacation in the area, which is about 200 miles northwest of Milwaukee. The resort owners, he said, would abide fully by the state law which prohibits discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin.

CLAIMED GOVERNOR'S SUPPORT FOR BIAS POLICY

It was an abrupt about-face for Mattison. He was quoted previously as saying, at a meeting of resort owners: "The governor's office is 100% behind us (in opposition to accepting Jewish and Negro guests). They all believe as we do but they're playing politics and have to keep under the table." Mattison warned all those present that he would "deny it tomorrow" if anybody quoted him.

The reported speech brought an immediate comment from Governor Walter Kohler, Jr., who said: "Ridiculous! There is absolutely no truth in that whatsoever. I am sworn to execute the laws and will do it."

Mattison told the assistant attorney general that the quotes were correct, in general, but that his ideas had been misinterpreted. There will be no more loose talk or implied threats, he said. He complained that the whole affair was an unfortunate incident magnified by misunderstandings.

'Realized Superficiality of the Reports . . .'

ISRAEL CHIEF RABBI OKs ARGENTINA MEAT

BUENOS AIRES (WNS)—The climax seems to have been reached in the apparent jurisdictional dispute between the Chief Rabbinate of Argentina and Israel over supervision of kashrut of meat to be shipped to Israel, with the disclosure by the Argentina Rabbinate that Chief Rabbi Herzog of Israel has asked them to continue to supervise shechita (ritual slaughtering).

Previously, a delegation of the Israeli Rabbinate in Argentina to investigate the kashrut situation had declared several thousand tons of meat destined for Israel to be trefa, on the grounds that local kashrut supervision was inadequate.

"Fortunately," the statement continued, "Dr. Herzog . . . realized the superficiality of the report, and has asked us to continue with the supervision of the shechita for Israel." The statement emphasized that "shechita in all slaughterhouses were being maintained at a high level of ritual requirements." "We have maintained silence until today," the statement added, "since our local rabbinate is of the opinion that shechita is a purely rabbinical matter, to be solved between rabbis."

"Our declaration is intended to clear the good name of the local Jewish community."

In Israel, Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Deputy Minister of Religions, conceded that the report of the two Israeli rabbis was based on a visit to one slaughterhouse, where no local supervision had been available. The matter was now settled, he added.



HERZOG

(NJP, May 9, 16, 1952)

Anti-Semitic Rallies No Longer Seem To Attract Many Listeners in Britain

By AVRAM A. DAVIDSON

National Jewish Post Correspondent

LONDON (NJP)—The continued decline of organized anti-Semitism in Britain, which long has been on the wane, was indicated by two developments last week.

Despite several weeks of an extensive publicity campaign, a rally last Sunday of the pro-fascist anti-Semitic Mosleyite "Union Movement" failed to attract more than a tiny audience.

Only about 100 people from the heavily-populated Hackney and Shoreditch districts, which during the Nazi heyday were hotbeds of Mosleyite activity, followed the "Union" parade through the streets, with few passersby stopping to listen to the open-air speeches. (Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the movement now resides in Ireland).

The rally was one of many abortive attempts to blame Jews for the recent trade slump. These attempts have failed, it is believed, because of the wide realization that the industries hardest hit have been the so-called "Jewish trades," garments and accessories, for which Japanese competition now is being blamed.

The second indication of the decline of anti-Semitism was the vote of the "43 Group" to disband.

The group was founded by 43 Jewish war veterans, as a quasi-vigilante group, to act in connection with the open-air political rallies so popular in Britain, and to fight anti-Semitism.

The members of "43" have joined the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen, British counterpart of the Jewish War Veterans.

At the same time, the non-Jewish owned Hackney Gazette, praised Hackney's Jewish mayor, Councillor Borough S. Lever, an active-trade unionist, upon his retirement from office last week.

The paper wrote: "He has done much to cement the good relations between the Jewish and Gentile communities in a borough which has been made a battleground for racial strife by certain political parties."

Curiously, the majority of the Gazette's advertisements of apartments or rooms for rent bear the words "Gentile house," "Jewish house" or the equivalent.

Hebrew U. Gives First MD's
JERUSALEM—Sixty-three students last week were awarded the first degrees issued by the Hebrew University—Hadassah Medical School.

'Killer of Buchenwald' Faces Trial

MUNICH — Martin Summer, the "Killer of Buchenwald," will be tried by a German court on charges of having committed "bestial cruelties" against pris-

oners at the camp. The Jewish Chronicle of London reported from here. The former S.S. commander of the penal block at Buchenwald was arrested at a Bayreuth hospital, where he was staying under an assumed name.

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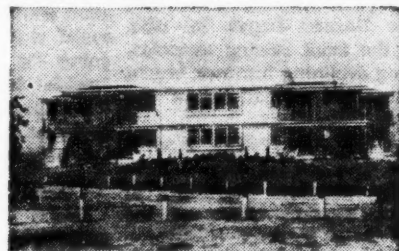
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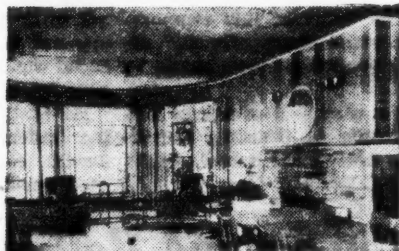
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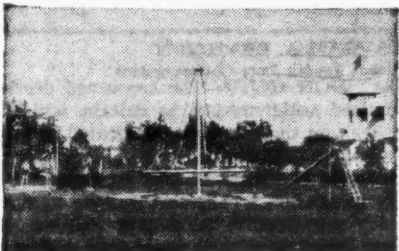
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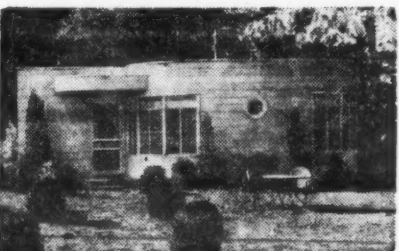
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Ben Touser Gets HIAS Post

NEW YORK (WNS) — Ben Touser, local philanthropist and communal leader, is believed to be the first American-born Jew to serve as president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). He was elected last week to succeed Samuel Telsey, who held the post five years.

Winnipeg Jews Fight Missionary Campaign

WINNIPEG, Canada (NJP) — The local weekly Anglo-Yiddish Israelite Press and community leaders have joined in a campaign to counteract what is probably a conversion attempt by a local "missionary to the Jews," who had attracted about 40 Jewish youngsters to his home for free "arts and crafts classes."

The community was stunned by the disclosure last week by the principal of a local Jewish school that at least a half-dozen of his pupils were among the seven to 14 year old children who had been attending the Friday night and Saturday morning gatherings at the home of the missionary, who lives in a heavily Jewish area.

The major attraction at the "gatherings," The Post learned, was instruction in photography, including the use of a darkroom.

The missionary is well known for his activities. Two years ago he was refused permission by the city council to hold open-air meetings in an area heavily populated by Jews.

Negev Produces Bumper Crop

JERUSALEM — For the first time in many centuries, 700,000 dunams of land in the Northern Negev are being harvested. The bumper crops, including 70,000 tons of barley, were planted in the former wastes last fall by the settlers in the area. The crops are being brought in with the help of 200 mechanized harvesters lent by settlements in all parts of Israel.

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Oil Traces Found At New Camp Site

SAN FRANCISCO (NJP)—The Jewish Religious and Education Foundation of the Reform group in this area may have struck oil with its recent purchase of the 203-acre estate of the author, Kathleen Norris, for a year-round meeting place and camp.

Evidence of oil deposits has been discovered on the fringes of the estate near Saratoga, 60 miles south of here. The Texas Oil Company has purchased a lease to investigate, and has agreed on royalty payment if oil is found.

Not speculating on possible gushers, however, the group is organizing its fund raising campaign to convert the area into a camp site. The first group to use the new site will be the Central California Federation of Temple Youth (Reform), which will hold a conference there May 23.

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Connecticut Officials, Rabbis Map Kashrut Enforcement

HARTFORD, Conn.—State Police Commissioner Edward Hickey has assigned a special police officer to enforce the state Kashrut Law, it was reported in The Jewish Ledger.

The assignment was announced after a meeting last week between state officials and representatives of the Connecticut Orthodox Rabbinic Committee on Kashrut, to discuss the increasing violations of the law by butchers and restaurants.

The Committee issued a basic list of religious requirements for kosher meat, which will be considered as standard in the enforcement of the state law.

MUST LABEL MEAT

According to the law, butchers selling kosher and non-kosher meat must indicate the condition of the meat by using display signs at least four inches high with the labels "kosher" or "non-kosher" respectively.

Restaurants selling both kosher and non-kosher foods must place a similar sign in their windows stating: "Kosher and non-

kosher foods sold here."

Violators of these regulations are subject to a \$100 fine, six months imprisonment or both.

Butchers selling kosher meat and meat products will have to conform to the requirements laid down by the Committee on Kashrut, which were approved by John Christensen, Commissioner of the State Department of Farms and Markets, as well as by Police Commissioner Hickey.

LIST REGULATIONS

The regulations require that all meats and fowls sold as kosher must be slaughtered in accordance with Jewish law, by an authorized shochet (ritual slaughterer), who is under the supervision of a recognized Orthodox rabbi or group of rab-

bis.

All meats or parts thereof must be properly marked identifying them as kosher at the source of the slaughtering, and must retain the original markings upon arrival at the retail department of the kosher meat establishment. The kashrut marking must clearly state the date of slaughtering and the source.

ORTHODOX SUPERVISION

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NEW YORK (NJP)—The American Council for Judaism, one of whose major contentions on the American Jewish scene is that there is no "Jewish vote" in American politics, is planning to send representatives to Chicago to the national conventions in July of the Republican and Democratic parties, it was disclosed this week.

A Council spokesman said one of the major objectives of the plan was to apprise the platform committees of both parties of Council's "no Jewish vote" contention.

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Euclid Avenue Temple Sues Village Refusing Building Permit

CLEVELAND (NJP)—The Euclid Avenue Temple is filing suit against Beachwood Village, Cleveland suburb, to obtain a permit to enable it to continue its building plans there.

According to Emil Elder, Temple president, the Temple will seek a writ of mandamus ordering the Village to grant the permit denied by the Village Council last February.

The Council had voted 5-1 to turn down the request of the 105-year-old Temple to build its new quarters on 31 acres of land purchased for the purpose in 1947. (NJP, Feb. 29, 1952).

FEW MEMBERS IN VILLAGE

According to Henry Hopwood, one of the five village fathers who voted against the request, "Council based its decision on the fact that only 25 out of the 1,800 families in the congregation live in Beachwood."

He added: "The size of the institution was not compatible with village planning and it was

not for the convenience of the town."

The land was bought for a new home for the Temple, whose spiritual leader is Rabbi Barnett Brickner, a school, a ball diamond, tennis courts and a summer day camp.

'TREMENDOUS BLOW'

"The decision was a tremendous blow to our congregation," Rabbi Samuel Silver, assistant rabbi, said. "You just can't allow a rural village to halt the progress of a project like this."

Almost the entire \$1,500,000 campaign subscription for the new project has been pledged.

When the land was purchased in 1947, officials of the Temple met some opposition in the village, but decided to buy anyway.

FEW VILLAGERS APPROVE

Beachwood councilmen in February pointed out they were following the desires of 250 protesting residents in refusing the permit. Only 50 residents were reported to be in favor of the Temple's request.

An Ohio Supreme Court ruling makes it illegal for a community to zone out a house of worship in a residential neighborhood. In Beachwood, however, a special use permit is required for churches, which is not a zoning change. The Temple is expected to fight this technicality in the forthcoming litigation.

Asks Israel Memorial For All Nazi Victims

PARIS—An annual day of mourning in Israel for the victims of the Nazis of all religions, was proposed last week by Paul

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

'PITY FOR THE BLIND' IS CREDIT TO SCHARY AND U. OF J.

By SHIMON WINCELBERG

THE MOST interesting script launched under the sponsorship of MGM-boss Dore Schary this year, had nothing to do with his establishment at Culver City, but his capacity as chairman of the Board of Overseers of the local University of Judaism (Conservative).

Written specially for the annual bow of the University of Judaism's drama group, and excitingly staged by Benjamin Zernach, "Pity for the Blind," a title with mild allegorical overtones, is a 50-minute play by Alan Marcus, adequately identified on the program as a contemporary comedy.

Though Mr. Schary himself was not present on opening night, it is conceivable that he would have been proud of Alan, who had previously given a very small part of the best years of his life to an office in the MGM writers' building, and to a studio-sponsored sojourn at Kibbutz Ein Gev.

"BLIND," LIKE A GOOD DEAL OF

Alan's recent prose work, takes a particular interest in some of the grotesque or pitiful people on the fringes of modern society—the escapists, the defeated, the simple-minded, the frauds, the fanatics and the psychological casualties. In Alan's hands, most of them are invested with a disconcerting normalcy and humanity.

If the German idiom for speaking your mind freely is "not to hold a paper in front of your mouth," in the case of Alan Marcus, the paper is nowhere even near his face, and the University of Judaism deserves a bow for its vision in giving director Benjamin Zernach the go-head with it, after some doubts as to its suitability.

MEMORABLE AMONG THE LARGE CAST WERE FORMER

German and Shanghai stage-star, Frederic Melchior, as Pearlman, the elderly refugee fleeing reality at the end of a kite-string, Murray Adelman as his emancipated son, trying to live up to the Pearlman-to-Paine switch, David Malcolm, as the head of a grim and pious family awaiting the Crack of Doom, and Stephen Sherry, Alan Arkin, Sylvia Adams, Ely Morgan and Leo Beck as a maladjusted cop, a dispossessed beggar, a lush, an evangelist, and a thief respectively.

Pinchhitting in the part of Hooligan, a garrulous "blind" beggar, was author Alan Marcus, who, after no more than a day of rehearsing, vindicated his friends' suspicion that he was a natural-born comedian.

Claudel, French Catholic writer, The Jewish Chronicle of London reported. Addressing his suggestion to the Paris Chief Rabbi, Claudel suggested that because Jewry suffered the most, Israel should have the honor of initiating the annual day of mourning, at which representatives of all faiths would meet.

shortly to come up for consideration by the Senate-Foreign Relations Committee. The Treaty, which would regulate commercial and economic relations between the two countries, must be ratified by the Senate before it goes into effect.

Artukovich Ruling Postponed Again

LOS ANGELES (NJP)—The case of Andre Artukovich, alleged Croatian mass-murderer, which has been lingering on the court calendar for almost a year, has been continued again, till June 9. Federal Judge Pierson Hall had been expected to rule May 12 on the legality of the extradition treaty between the U.S. and Yugoslavia, under which Yugoslavia seeks Artukovich's extradition to face trial on war crimes charges.

Senate Will Consider U.S.-Israel Amity Pact

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

WHEN A HEADLINE WRITER DIDN'T WRITE THE RIGHT HEADLINE

By HELEN COHEN

GATHER 'round children and hear the tale of a headline.

Once a columnist heard of a synagogue that had been in need of a Hebrew school teacher. Since the rabbi's wife was well qualified, she was offered and had been filling the job very commendably.

The columnist was told that she was being paid the same amount as the previous teacher. Deciding the item was newsworthy, she wrote a little piece about it, although in the piece she didn't think it was necessary to go into such mundane matters as the amount of the new Hebrew school teacher's yearly salary.

The guy who dreams up the headlines for this column must have found the article ambiguous, because he came to the conclusion that the rebbetzin was working for free. Which he proceeded to imply in his headline.

Came a properly indignant letter from a member of that congregation wanting to know what the heck goes on.

The moral of this tale is, if you want to stay out of trouble, say no when someone asks you to write a column.

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RABBI Avery J. Grossfield of Mt. Sinai Congregation, Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, writes (you've written to us before, Rabbi. Nice to hear from you again):

Dear Mrs. Cohen:

I often try to trace the origins of an unusual or formerly, to me, unknown word, phrase or expression. Hence my interest in the word "kimpet" as used in your column of April 18, 1952.

I cannot find this word anywhere and would appreciate your telling me just where it might be located. Or did you mean to use the hyphenated word "kind-bet" (child-bed) as meaning confinement after childbirth?

RABBI AVERY GROSSFIELD

Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas

Hey, mama, kimpet is the word you use for confinement after childbirth, isn't it?

I asked a rebbetzin and she agreed with my version. Also, I noticed in the glossary of the volume "Life Is With People" the following definition: Kimpetorn—Woman in labor or immediately after the delivery.

(SAY, BOSS, to atone for that ambiguous headline, could I put in a good word for you. If our old friend Rabbi Grossfield will doublecheck in his books on language, he's bound to run across a reference to the fact that folk usage often changes the pronunciation, spelling, aye, the very meaning of the purest of words, q.e.d., isn't Goodbye just another way of saying God be with you. Or there's the "Yiddish" word Shalashoodis—or Shalleshoodes, if you're from the north—which I'll bet a headline more people know how to pronounce and what it means than know its purer Hebrew form, Se'uda Sh'lisith).

WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF YIDDISH, I RIGHTFULLY deserve to have any knowledge of that tongue stricken from my memory.

I remember the period when I viewed with scorn my parents' and other relatives' use of that language instead of the King's English. Now I treasure what little remains with me and pity those co-religionists who admit to complete ignorance of their (grand)mother tongue.

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NORMAN Stiller, San Francisco, Cal., writes to inquire about the book Life Is With People.

Mark Zborowski and Elizabeth Herzog are listed as co-authors, with a foreword by Margaret Mead, published by International Universities Press, Inc., New York.

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A NEW practice—at least to me—yet one which is based on the old and sound idea in Jewish life of sharing happy occasions with the community—is found in the Conservative synagogue in Tampa.

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HELEN COHEN

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Melezin

Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

The other day I was asked by a friend of mine whose family name is Melezin as to the origin and meaning of this name. My friend comes from Wilna, Russia, the famous Yerushalayim d'Lita.

C. HERMAN

Flemington, N. J.

MELEZIN is a Yiddish version of the name of the town of Molozyn, in the District of Reczyca, Government of Minsk, in White Russia. The District is contiguous to Lithuania and formerly was part of it. The family name dates back to 1804 and the

'Outlandish Provisions . . .'

SENATORS HAMMER AWAY AT McCARRAN BILL

WASHINGTON (NJP)—Senators Hubert Humphrey (Minn.) and Herbert Lehman (N. Y.) continue to spearhead the fight in the upper house against the McCarran immigration bill, which already has been passed by the House of Representatives.

The group of Senators led by Humphrey and Lehman have introduced nearly 400 amendments aimed at making drastic revisions toward "humanizing" the McCarran bill, which has been termed maliciously anti-alien, restrictive and discriminatory.

by both houses.

Senator John Pastore (R.I.) has challenged supporters of the bill to compare its quota provisions with the numbers of people of various national, religious, racial and ethnic origins who have served in the American armed forces.

During debate on the bill last week, Senator Brian McMahon (Conn.) predicted that President Truman would veto the bill if it is passed in its present form.

ancestor who first picked it in that year was probably a native of Molozyn.

Russia Grants Woman First '52 Visa to Israel

TEL AVIV (WNS)—A 73-year-old Russian woman, Sara Hecht, who applied for an exit visa from the Soviet Union two years ago, finally arrived here last week, her passport indicating that her exist visa, signed by Stalin, was the first issued in 1952. She came here to join her two sons, living in Degania, whom she has not seen for 32 years, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she has never seen.

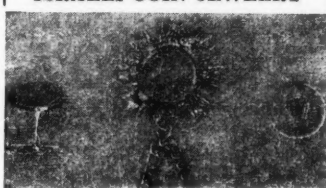
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Reform and Conservatism In Israel

IT REQUIRES only the faintest acquaintance with Israel to understand that neither Conservative nor Reform nor any other American group or movement can have the slightest influence in Israel without actually becoming part and parcel of Israel in one way or another.

There are so many areas in which any American group can be of service to Israel, that it is difficult to understand the criticism of those who claim the Israelis are unfriendly or unresponsive.

The Zionist Organization of America watched Hadassah thrive both in the estimation of the Israelis and in the eyes of the American Jewish community through its constructive work in Israel before it finally began to build on its own in Israel. By now everyone except Reform and Conservatism has learned this lesson.

But the accurate analysis of Hadassah's position in respect to Israel is not that Hadassah built in Israel in order to maintain its membership. No, Hadassah's principal motive was to serve.

Yet in serving others Hadassah also served herself.

The Reform Movement in the United States is an indigenous movement. It grew out of needs of Jews in the United States. The same is true for Conservatism. If both these groups were to begin to devote efforts to work in Israel, they not only would lay the groundwork for establishing themselves in the eyes of the Israelis, for beginning their movements in Israel, but they would find that they were helping themselves at the same time.

For an American Reform Rabbi to complain that he could not perform a marriage in

Israel is a theoretical complaint. But if Reform were to begin to build institutions in Israel, not from America, but by starting needed services in Israel, almost automatically the problem would disappear. Even the Orthodox might be convinced; but if not, they hardly could continue to refuse the right to perform marriages and other privileges to an indigenous body.

However just as Hadassah has gained much from its work in Israel, so the branches of American Judaism might gain much from their experiences in Israel with Israelis. Neither Reform nor Conservatism in America has stopped growing. In fact, their whole raison d'être, although to a different degree, is based on each generation reinterpreting Judaism to fill its own needs. In this process Israel can play a part.

No one denies that Israelis are for the most part religious. They are a product of a European generation which made resistance to religion a part of the political movement of the last century. The general scepticism which America knew twenty and thirty years ago was of similar derivation.

Now that American Jewry is emerging from that state of antagonism and resistance to religion, they are a decade or more ahead of the Israelis. But gradually the Israelis too will lose that confidence that within themselves they have the strength to create their own destiny.

When that time arrives, will the Israelis be alienated by the existing practice of religion? Or will they have the benefit of the experience of Judaism in America, whether that Judaism be Conservative or Reform or even Orthodoxy, which, if it is changing more slowly than is Reform and Conservatism in America, is still changing just as irrevocably nevertheless.

AFDCI and UJA Must Begin Immediate Negotiations

THE unwillingness of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel (AFDCI), sponsors of the \$500,000,000 sale of Israel bonds in the United States, to sit down in a tripartite discussion with representatives of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJFWF), may be understandable in the light of the recent bitterness between Julian Freeman, president of the CJFWF, and the AFDCI.

The AFDCI could see this offer by the CJFWF to solve the conflict over coordination between the two major U. S. efforts of aid to Israel, the UJA and the sale of Israel bonds, as an extension of the fight that reached a frenzy of bitterness in Indianapolis recently.

From such a viewpoint, the offer of the CJFWF might not seem so sanguine to the AFDCI.

But that does not relieve the AFDCI from responsibility to seek every means to reach an agreement on coordination.

Up until now, the AFDCI has seemed less than eager to work out some arrangement on coordination with the UJA.

The AFDCI is unlike any other agency operating in the American Jewish community in that it is not subject to pressure from any other group in the community. It has its own national directors, its own local staffs, and is not dependent for its funds on any other agency in the community.

But the success of the sale of Israel bonds

does depend, in great measure, on the good will it wins from the American Jewish public. This good will can be alienated. Let no Jewish group misunderstand this.

If there is no national Jewish newspaper or any other means (radio, speaking platforms of a national nature, etc.) where Jewish public opinion can be created over night as in the general U. S. community, there are many fragmentary ways by which, over a period of time, true public opinion in the U. S. Jewish community can be created.

This public opinion is what every Jewish agency must consider, for it is the final judge of success or failure of every effort.

If the AFDCI, then, does not wish to sit down with the CJFWF and the UJA to settle the problem of coordination, it must at least make a counter move that would lead to immediate negotiations between it and the UJA.

The CJFWF is the natural arbiter in disputes in the American Jewish community. But if the UJA and the AFDCI can work out an agreement without the CJFWF, all parties will be satisfied.

To prolong the conflict between the UJA and the AFDCI is a disservice to the U. S. Jewish community which no agency has a right to inflict. But it also is most harmful to Israel, which will need support from the U. S. Jewish community in increasing measure in the next few years when that new nation goes through a most trying period before it can become economically self-sufficient.

Every Jewish community now considers Hebrew education a major function. But the Hebrew school teacher is given little consideration. The executive director of the federations and his many aides not only are paid twice the salary of the Hebrew School teacher, but are accepted socially and otherwise, which is as it should be.

But the same respect must be paid Hebrew School teachers. They deserve it because of their education as Hebraists and they deserve it because of their service. Paying our Hebrew teachers well enough is important, but granting them status can be as important and more. Out of selfish-interest, if for no other reason, we must see that they are held in the proper regard, for a frustrated individual is not the well-balanced person to lead our children into the difficult world of Hebrew.

Viciousness In Jewish Life

FOR SOME reason fights within the Jewish community take on such violent aspects that many capable men are alienated.

In a certain midwestern Jewish community, the son of a prominent national Jewish figure cannot be persuaded to accept any position in the community, despite his obvious capability.

He has seen the kind of beating his father has taken at the hands of those who have opposed him. His father has served the local and national community for years, and has risen

to a position high in importance in his organization. Yet when engaged in maintaining this or that point in a given discussion or debate, he has been maligned and attacked, vilified and exoriated.

Contests are inevitable in Jewish life. But for some reason they involve such personal bitterness, that even if the victims are not themselves so disgusted that they withdraw, those who watch the mudslinging are deterred from assuming positions of responsibility.

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

IF AFTER my first few days make a decision and make it in a period of a few days. I was confused and disturbed about my reaction to this thing that is Israel, my confusion now has been dispelled.

It has nothing at all to do with Israel. That was not my problem. The land is beautiful; it is a glorious land, bountiful and charming, and it is the land of my forefathers.

Nor were the people the concern, although in the pressure of my first seeking a solution, I had thought that they might be the source of my irritation.

But I was wrong. The people are great people. The Yemenites, the Persians, the Moroccans, the Roumanians, the Poles, the Englishmen and the Americans. They are all a sturdy, pioneering lot; they hold the land in the deepest affection and are as proud of it as if it were dripping with the milk and honey that it will be in the very near future.

It took a high official of Hadassah, with whom I drove, in a party, to the Machtesh, to the great crater deep in the Negev.

WHEN I GOT HERE I WAS searching desperately for some identification with Israel. I wanted to be a part of the land; to feel some specific emotional response which would make Israel and myself one. On some days, especially when passing through the beautiful Emek, or when swimming in Lake Tiberias, or when surrounded with the profusion of flowers, I felt exactly that way.

On other days I lost the feeling entirely. It was mostly when I was in Tel Aviv, or in a kibbutz arguing with the Americans over halutzit or over the inefficiency of the Ben-Gurion Government in all matters of administration.

I didn't know it then, but I know it now—this estranged Me.

It brought me sharply out of my dream, and I began to think as a Jew whose roots are sunk elsewhere.

Something in me resisted any commitment to Israel in the way that Akiva Skidell or Saadia Gelb at Kfar Blum have become part of a noble chapter in Jewish history.

THEN I HAD THIS CONVERSATION with the Hadassah leader.

There was no question of her loyal Zionism. Her name is a byword both in Israel and the U. S. But she had no problem whatsoever like mine. The work she was doing for Israel was her total Zionist commitment. There was no struggle within her to do more than make every contribution to Israel she could as an American. Whether she had ever had to go through the emotional process which I went through, I don't know; but now she was psychologically whole in her inner attitude to the State.

During the conversation, which skirted close to bitterness on both our parts, I did not realize what she was doing for me; but later in the day it dawned on me suddenly.

I had been repelled, because within me something was resisting any commitment like that made by the 100 Americans who founded Sasa in a dangerous but marvelously beautiful spot near the Lebanon border.

What was happening was that I was resisting and was ashamed of myself, because I'd been so critical on this page of others who have not been enthusiastic about halutzit.

BUT NOW EVERYTHING IS orderly in my mind.

I can see Israel as does any American who comes here. I am no longer driven by the need to

make a decision and make it in a period of a few days.

I can be like this famous Hadassah leader who makes her contribution to Israel by building hospitals, by gently approving of halutzit without making a crusade of it, and by giving her talents to aiding in the sale of bonds and elsewhere. Nothing would be farther from her mind than to move here.

Now if this sounds like the end of the story, you haven't been reading this column long. I know that when I will have had the time to digest all that has happened to me here, I'll find the place where I rationalized, where the torment I underwent forced my mind to find an easy way out.

I RECALL TALKING TO Bernie Popkin (now Dov Peleg) of Harrisburg, Pa., who is in charge of Hasolelim.

Bernie, to me, is a hero, though I'm sure he would be the first to reject such a characterization. But you have to go to Hasolelim and see what he and the other forty or so Americans are doing out there in the lower Galilee—building and creating, growing trees and cows and beautiful little children, and retrieving a land of indescribable beauty—to understand why he is a hero.

Or you talk to Michael Skidell, 46-year-old mining engineer, who was sent by the Government and Solel Boneh to survey the mineral wealth in the Machtesh.

Like Bernie Popkin and "Skeev" Skidell and Shaya Butofsky, at Sasa, he is as modest as the plainest farmer.

These are noble people, and nobility is written all over them; but they would laugh right in your face if you tried to suggest that what they were going was sacrificial, or to help anyone but themselves.

MIKE SKIDELSKY'S STORY (he's an Englishman whose mother lives in Red Bank, N.J.)—because it reads more like the success story Americans love:

A mining engineer, he came to Israel only 2½ years ago. In 1944, he had been here with the British army, made a few friends, and decided to come back.

On the assumption that there was no place in Israel for a mining engineer (he had got his experience mining coal in Manchuria with 10,000 coolies working under him), he went to the Government to relate his experience in England in a plant manufacturing bullet-proof glass.

His offer to develop such a plant here was accepted, and he was given three months to prove he could produce.

When he came through, his record was searched more carefully and his mining experience revealed. He was asked to make a survey of the Machtesh, a vast hole in the Negev where traces of silicate and iron ore had been reported. (Silicate is the sand-like mineral used in making glass, and heretofore had been imported from Belgium.)

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Thirteen Building Bids OK'd by Government

WASHINGTON (NJP) — Thirteen synagogues and Jewish communal buildings are among the construction projects approved during April by the National Production Authority. Included are several new applications as well as others which had been deferred because of scarcity of materials.

Added to the projects previously approved (NJP, March 7, April 25, 1952) are Congregation Sons of Jacob, Salem, Mass.; Degel Israel Synagogue, Watertown, N.Y.; Home and Hospital of the Daughters of Israel, N.Y.; Congregation Shaarey Tefila, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel, Portchester, N.Y.; Young Israel of Bedford Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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The Editor's Chair

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He was back in two days with a preliminary report and a request for three months to make a scientific exploration.

THAT WAS TWO YEARS ago. Now the deposit is a fabulous one, not alone of silicate, of which there are 20-30 million tons almost on the surface, with a value of \$1 a ton at the mine, but also a very high grade kaolin, which is used to make china, dishware and the lovely bathroom fixtures you have in your home. There are 5-7 million tons of kaolin almost on the surface, and its value is \$15 a ton at the mine.

Skidelsky dresses like a common laborer, as do Popkin, Butofsky, Skidell. They are so modest. The day we were at Kfar Blum, Saadia Gelb was washing dishes and Skidell was tending the chickens.

THIS IS THE KIND OF DEVOTION that Israelis are overflowing with. Maybe this is what shamed me—that I could not equal their idealism. I don't know.

But I do know that they are great men, men who know the thrill of devotion to an ideal; men who, despite their irreligion, embody in what they are doing the highest kind of adoration of God.

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U.S. Will Send Medical, Technical Experts To Israel Under Technical Aid Program

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According to The Post, the doctors will be sent within the framework of the technical assistance program for Israel.

Under the same program, for which \$3,000,000 has been allocated, the U. S. will also send engineers, production and public administration experts.

The Post cited a State Department report, which pointed out that large-scale immigration to Israel from primitive oriental areas, where there are a number of serious endemic diseases, aid in health and sanitation are important basic requirements for the economic and social integration of the new population.

The report also stressed the need for assembly line methods in industry and for the establishment of pilot plants to test the practicability of new industries.

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By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

COMMENTARY, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, has won wide general acceptance since its inception in 1945, despite various complaints raised against it in Jewish communal life and by Jewish critics. Now, Knopf will publish, probably in the Fall, a volume composed of Commentary's popular department, "From the American Scene." Some fiction, many delightful documentaries and many insights into contemporary Jewish living have been described in that section.

SOME YEARS AGO, THE



RIBALOW

English poet Stephen Spender wrote a book about post-Hitler Germany and seemed peculiarly insensitive to some aspects of Nazism; he was highly tolerant of a number of Nazis. Now Spender (who is on record as having defended T. S. Eliot against charges of anti-Semitism, in an odd and unconvincing performance) has seen Israel and will write a book based on his five-week stay there. The volume will include case histories of immigrant youth brought to Israel under the auspices of Youth Aliya.

A NEW NOVEL, "THE TIME of Assassins," by Godfrey Blunden, will deal with a very unusual aspect of contemporary history: the German occupation of the Ukraine and the Nazi slaughter of the Jews there. In an interesting article in The Griffin, a monthly brochure published by The Reader's Subscription, a book club, Lionel Trilling emphasizes that "modern slaughter of the Jews, in the Ukraine as elsewhere, was undertaken, like everything else that the Germans undertook, not as a contravention of morality for the sake of expediency, but as a cogent example of a cultural faith, the hideous fruit of a carefully nurtured theory of ghastly morality."

PHILIP GOODMAN, MAJOR domo of the Jewish Book Council of America, crashed the cover of an intriguing little journal called Antiquarian Bookman. Rabbi Goodman, it turns out, collects Jewish bookplates, and ten of his plates adorn the cover of the specialist book trade weekly. His short essay on "Bookplates of Jewish Interest" is in itself an interesting bit of Judaica. His hobby is only two years old, but he is already deep in it, and he thanks his many friends for aiding him: "librarians, booksellers, rabbis, and those in my category—bibliomaniacs."

Rabbi Benedict Glazer Succumbs at 49

DETROIT, Mich. (NJP)—Rabbi B. Benedict Glazer died Thursday, May 15, at 49.

Son of the late Rabbi Simon Glazer and Mrs. Ida Cantor Glazer of Dallas, Tex., he was ordained in 1926 by the Hebrew Union College, in Cincinnati. Author of a number of books including "Christian-Jewish Relations in the U.S." and co-author of "The Jew and His Religion," Rabbi Glazer was a former president of the Detroit chapter of the Michigan Society for Mental Hygiene.

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By CARL ALPERT

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ALPERT

The Voice of America, as all should know, is one of the weapons in the arsenal of our State Department to spread the message of democracy, and to keep the world informed of America's interests in the little nations, too. The Voice in Hebrew is staffed with Americans and Israelis, each an expert in his field. The cultural tone of the programs is high, commensurate with Israel standards, but there is at the same time popular appeal. Need it be added that the Hebrew, both in style and delivery, is impeccable.

There is no doubt that the program is doing an effective job in interpreting America to the Israelis, but it strikes me that there is an added benefit to be derived from the program—and we are missing the boat—all of us in this country who are interested in Jewish education or in Hebrew culture.

WE TRAIN HEBREW TEACHERS (NOT ENOUGH OF them), we cajole adults and children alike into studying the tongue, when we become really serious we spend \$50 or more for a Lingua-phone course in Hebrew, we print magazines in Hebrew, we try to encourage the use of the language, we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in the promotion of this phase of Jewish culture—and all the while there is available for our use—free of charge—a cultural program of tremendous value and cost.

The Voice of America, in Hebrew, can be heard in the home of every American Jew who may have sufficient interest or energy to turn the dial of his radio. The only catch is that it must be a short-wave radio. Even these are inexpensive, and usually come without the handsome walnut cabinets or carved legs which add more to the price of a set than all the tubes and condensers added together.

SURELY THIS IS NEWS WHICH SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE to every Hebraist in America. Surely the Histadruth Ivrit, the Hebrew Culture Council, the various Jewish education bodies and others should publicize this information to all their members. Wherever possible, classes can be organized to sit by the radios for the purpose of hearing a perfect Hebrew spoken—and spoken without undue haste.

The content, too, will prove of interest to those who understand Hebrew sufficiently. News broadcasts are frequent. A "Roving Microphone" takes the auditor this month on visits to the N.Y. Public Library, the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, the Lubavitcher Yeshiva and down 14th St. There are reviews of the latest plays, books, movies. There are interviews with public figures. Last week your columnist was subjected to a gruelling interview, his Hebrew especially polished and refined for the occasion.

So—if you understand Hebrew, and if you have a short wave radio receiver, you can tune in. I repeat, I have had best reception on the 16 meter band, but you may do as well or better on the 13, 19 or 25 meter bands. I would be extremely interested in hearing from readers in any part of the country as to the luck they have in tuning in the Voice of America, in Hebrew, at 2 P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

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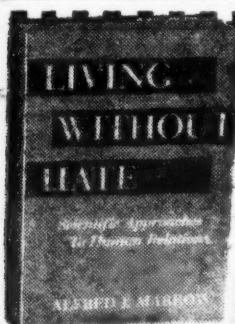
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Parents and Hospitals Demand It

N. Y. Mila Board Will List Mohalim Who Use Surgical Clamp For Rite

By BEN GALLOR
National Jewish Post Correspondent
NEW YORK (NJP)—Public information for Jewish parents and hospitals in New York on the technical qualifications of the 150 mohalim (ritual circumcisers) registered with the Mila Board of New York, hereafter will include data on whether the mohel knows how to use the much-discussed Gomco Clamp.

A forthcoming report of the Mila Board, the only regulatory body of its kind in America, will disclose the new addition to the qualification data, according to Dr. Michael Schuman, Mila Board chairman. The report, originally scheduled for issuance late in March, has been delayed by the illness of several members.

Dr. Schuman explained that the reason for the additional information is that the demand by Jewish parents and by hospital authorities for the clamp has become so widespread that the Mila Board, as a regulatory body, has felt it necessary to move to "meet the demand."

BY-PASSES DISPUTE
In so doing, the Mila Board is in effect by-passing a still unsettled dispute involving the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada (Agudas Harabonim) and the American Mohalim Association.

Many details of that dispute remain obscure but information from various sources, including Dr. Schuman, Rev. T. M. Belkin, president of the American Mohalim Association, and other observers, indicates that the first reaction of the Agudas Harabonim, representing the older Orthodox American rabbinate, was in opposition to use of the clamp.

VIOLATES LAW
The Orthodox rabbinical opposition was based on the contention that use of the clamp, however desirable in terms of prevention of infection and hemorrhage, did not permit the "seeing" of fresh blood during mila and hence violated Jewish Law.

Subsequently, Dr. Schuman proposed a modification in the use of the clamp to meet these rabbinical objections. The Agudas Harabonim appointed a Beth Din (court of law) to a demonstration of the modified technique, which was held in the Central Maternity Hospital in Mahattan. The Beth Din then issued a ruling approving use of the clamp as demonstrated.

RENEWED FIGHT
Later, for reasons never explained publicly, the Agudas Harabonim renewed its opposition, bringing a charge from Rev. Belkin in the Yiddish press that the rabbinical body had ignored its own Beth Din.

Rev. Belkin, in describing his fight against the reversal, warned the Agudas Harabonim that its opposition was endangering circumcision as a ritual. His warning was based on the argument, supported from other sources, that Jewish parents and many hospital authorities demanded the clamp and that refusal of a mohel to use it, as decreed by the Agudas Harabonim, would lead only to non-ritual circumcision by physicians and the ultimate rapid disappearance of circumcision as a hallowed Jewish rite.

MENTIONS SUIT

In his warning, Rev. Belkin added a reference to the suit by Joseph Lewis, Jewish-born president of the Freethinkers of America, who has been seeking for several years to obtain a permanent court ban on mila in New York on grounds that it allegedly represents practice of medicine without a license.

(A spokesman for Lewis told The Post last week that the anti-mila suit apparently was "stymied" in the appellate division of the New York Supreme Court but that Lewis had no intention of giving up his battle.)

VITAL ISSUE

The issue of Agudas Harabonim opposition is a vital one, The Post was informed, because there is a strong segment of traditional lay Jewish opinion with which the Agudas Harabonim still has great prestige.

The mohalim are caught in a crossfire between fear of the opposition and pressure from parents and hospital authorities for use of the clamp, with the implied threat—which already has been carried out in several hospitals—of declaring circumcision a surgical operation, in order to assure use of the clamp.

The role of the Mila Board, made up of physicians and rabbis, is also somewhat difficult because of this cross-fire, The Post was informed. The Board is a creation of the old New York Kehilla (Jewish Community) and continued its activity after the Kehilla faded out of existence. The Board maintains a formal relationship with an official New York Jewish body, the New York Board of Rabbis, whose Mila committee members also are members of the Mila Board.

CORRECT ABUSES

The Mila Board was originally formed to deal with widespread abuses in Mila, abuses which authorities here agree have been substantially corrected by the work of the board, but which are still largely uncorrected elsewhere in American Jewish communities where no such regulatory bodies exist.

While the authority of the Mila Board rests entirely on its prestige as a non-profit community service organization, that authority has been buttressed by an understanding with the New York Department of Hospitals, under which the Board assigns mohalim to city hospitals for performance of mila as a community service without charge.

CERTIFY MOHALIM

Dr. Schuman said that many hospitals, voluntary and private, permit mohalim certified by the Mila Board to circumcize Jewish infants. Other voluntary and private hospitals have certified mohalim as staff members. The Mila Board issues a list annually of certified mohalim. Three or four hospitals in New York City do not permit ritual circumcisions by mohalim.

In seeking to set up a system for qualifying mohalim, the Board provides a test pattern, Dr. Schuman said. In dealing with an applicant, the Board makes certain that he is a responsible person. The application details his background in mila, and provides evidence of both medical skill and his knowledge of ritual. He is required to sign a pledge that he will observe the rules of the Mila Board.

MUST PASS TESTS

As a second step, the applicant is sent to a rabbi-examiner of the board, who examines the applicant in the "dinim," ritual laws, of circumcision. He is then referred to a physician who observes the applicant as he performs an actual circumcision. If the applicant passes all of these tests, he is referred back to Dr. Schuman for final interview and certification.

This year, in its annual review of the fitness of its certified mohalim, the Board is including a comprehensive physical examination to make sure that the mohel is physically able to perform this exacting operation.

Dr. Schuman explained that inability to use the Gomco clamp will not mean disqualification. It will simply mean that the parent

or hospital official will have this additional information in making a choice of a mohel.

CITES HINDRANCES

While progress has been made during the past thirty years in eliminating abuses in the New York area, Dr. Schuman pointed out several factors which make impossible a completely satisfactory situation.

Most of them stem from the fact that the Board has no powers of enforcement. Hence it cannot compel all mohalim to conform to its rules or to accept its authority. The Board also is powerless to act when an individual simply sets himself as a "mohel" and proceeds to practice mila.

This particular phase of the problem has been intensified since the end of World War II by an influx of mohalim from Europe, including many who are not sufficiently trained.

PARENTS UNINFORMED

The problem could be solved within the framework of the present voluntary program if all Jewish parents knew about the existence of the Mila Board, its program and its list of certified mohalim, Dr. Schuman told The Post, "but they don't."

Lack of control over dubious and non-cooperative mohalim represents a significant gap in the Mila Board program. Several years ago, Dr. Schuman said, he proposed to the then New York Commissioner of Health that the municipal sanitary code be amended to provide for the appointment of a commission to do officially and with police power what the Mila Board does now unofficially and by persuasion.

PLAN DROPPED

In submitting the report, Dr. Schuman listed names of persons he believed qualified to serve on such a city board and the matter reached the stage of serious consideration "at a top-level basis." Subsequently, with a change of administration, the matter was dropped, but Dr. Schuman still hopes that the present Commissioner of Health will re-open the issue so that the police powers of the nation's largest city with its great Jewish population may ultimately end the abuses in ritual circumcision.

Dr. Schuman also disclosed that there had been attempts to unionize New York mohalim, which subsided after the Mila

Board expressed strong opposition. The Board took the position that it was not in keeping with the dignity of a mohel to use trade union methods in his relations with the public, tactics which implied the possible use of a strike.

WILL LIST USERS

The Board's position toward the problem of the renewed Agudas Harabonim ban on the Gomco clamp is one of proceeding with its program of including in its records a list of mohalim qualified to use it.

When the Board learned of the ban renewal, it turned the issue over to the New York Board of Rabbis for adjudication. Meanwhile, when Jewish hospitals inquire of the Mila Board whether use of the Gomco Clamp is ritually permissible, the Board replies that it is.

General Zionists Shun BG's Knesset Talks

JERUSALEM (WNS)—General Zionist members of Knesset last week left the parliamentary hall in a huff each time Prime Minister Ben Gurion rose to speak. They were thus taking reprisal for the prime minister's statement the previous week, at a meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, that the General Zionists did not really love Israel and the Zionist cause first and foremost. They are still awaiting an apology from Ben Gurion.



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ZOA Presidential Race Shapes Up As Miller, Shapiro Tell Platforms

By Z'EV KRONISH

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NEW YORK (NJP)—With the national convention of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) only four weeks away, Rabbi Irving Miller and Ezra Shapiro, two of the leading candidates for the presidency of the organization, have stepped up their election campaigns.

Miller late last week held a press conference and Shapiro early this week addressed a conference called by his supporters.

Meeting exclusively with the press for the first time since his candidacy was announced in February, Miller explained what he meant by identification with the General Zionist party in Israel. He said identification on such matters as school and civil service policies does not constitute affiliation "nor does it in any way qualify our support of Israel."

FAVORS 'ALLIANCE'

At the conference of Shapiro supporters Sunday night, Shapiro qualified his advocacy of identification somewhat, by explaining that while in matters of "Zionism" there can be an alliance with the General Zionists of Israel, no such relationship could be permitted to exist where internal Israeli policy matters are concerned.

Miller asserted that identification with a group in Israel is not in itself an act of affiliation, in the sense of requiring unqualified support or of subjection to a platform laid down by an Israeli party.

QUALIFIES TERM

He noted that if the ZOA had no opinions about affairs in Israel, it would be nothing more than a charity organization.

At the moment, he added, "our opinions coincide with the views expressed by Israeli General Zionist leaders, but there is nothing to prevent the ZOA from voicing support in the future of policies advocated by other political parties."

HITS DISSOLUTION

Miller attacked the dissolution of the Halutzit Commission, which both ZOA and Hadassah had sponsored, and which has been integrated as a committee of the American Zionist Youth

Commission, also a joint ZOA and Hadassah body.

Calling the move "a serious mistake," he said that if elected he would re-establish it and "provide it with material and moral resources to enable it to plan a far-reaching program, involving industrial, technical and professional as well as agricultural halutzit, and seek to create conditions both here and in Israel favorable to the realization of this program."

REGIONAL PROJECTS

He proposed that projects in Israel be financed and implemented by the regions rather than the national organization "so that they may become the links binding the members and districts of these regions to life in Israel."

Shapiro Sunday night proposed the establishment in Israel of a special bureau to assist private investors, settlers and visitors from America. American Jews who come to Israel "founder about," the Cleveland ZOA leader stated.

Explaining that the British and South African Zionist groups already have established such bureaus for their own countries in Israel, he suggested that the newly-dedicated Daniel Frisch House, a ZOA project in Tel Aviv, serve as such a center.

INVESTMENT NEGLECTED

He noted that private investment has been totally neglected in Israel, and suggested that progress in this area would depend upon the cooperation of the Israel Government, which in turn would depend on improved relations between ZOA and Israeli leaders.

At the Shapiro conference,

Louis Lipsky, veteran Zionist leader and chairman of the American Zionist Council, declared that if Miller is elected, he will be the puppet of a clique working closely with the General Zionist party in Israel.

PREDICTS DROP

He said that because of historical circumstances the ZOA membership situation is bad, and predicted that if Miller is elected and the ZOA becomes allied with the General Zionists in Israel, membership will drop even more sharply.

He said he would resign from the ZOA if the organization becomes tied to an Israeli political party.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who was to have addressed the conference, cabled that duties in Europe prevented him from attending the conference, and asserted his support of Shapiro's candidacy.

'WILL BE DESTROYED'

Rudolph Sonneborn, president of the Israel Bond corporation in the U.S. and national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, charged that a group within the ZOA "have tried to identify the fortunes of hundreds of thousands of American Zionists and supporters of Israel with the

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MOSLEM LOBBY GROUP ORGANIZED IN U.S.

By MURRAY FRANK

National Jewish Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NJP)—A representative of an organization known as the Moslem American Citizens Union has registered under the Lobbying Act to conduct lobbying and propaganda activities on behalf of Moslem interests.

L. Selim Glick, Philadelphia, in registering, designated himself as a volunteer organizer of the Union.

He said the aims of the organization were "to watchfully

serve in defense of the American constitution and American world prestige, particularly in Islamic matters, and to defend the Religion of Islam and the welfare of the Moslems under the principle of freedom and equality of all religious denominations."

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Day School PTA Parley Convenes May 25-26

NEW YORK—Plans to meet the growth of the Jewish Day School movement in the U.S. will be discussed at the national convention Sunday and Monday, May 25-26, of the Parent-Teacher Associations of the National Association of Hebrew Day Schools. The group, which reports the existence of about 150 Day Schools in the U.S., is affiliated with Torah Umesorah.

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